IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract by rewriting the same as follows:

-- A method and system providing automatic collection and updating of application usage on a large number of electronic devices without user intervention. The electronic devices may be a palm-sized computer systems, personal digital assistants (PDAs), or wireless telephones. On an electronic device, application usage statistics, for example, the number of times a user uses an application, are gathered and stored. ~~Usage statistics include: number of times an application is started (alternatively, successfully completed); amount of time an application is used (taking into account factors such as alarms, cradle time, and auto-shutdown); and number of operations completed by the user for an application (e.g., number of clicks, number of records accessed, number of email received, number of times a particular feature is used, etc.).~~ Once gathered and stored, the usage ~~The gathered~~ statistics are transferred to a host computer, and subsequently to a server (alternatively, the electronic device can send the gathered statistics directly to a server). The server tabulates usage statistics gathered from a plurality of electronic devices and publishes ~~published~~ the results. The users of the electronic devices that gather usage statistics can be compensated in a variety of ways (e.g., monetary, chances in a raffle, discounts on purchases etc.). --